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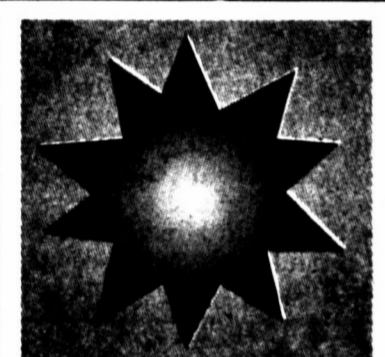
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Appraisal district sets public hearing
 PAMPA — Gray County Appraisal District (GCAD) board of directors plan a public hearing on the 2001 budget during its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12.
 Board members are scheduled to meet at 7:30 a.m. that day in the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner.
 Following the public hearing, the board will consider adopting the 2001 budget.

Some Texas cities break heat records
 FORT WORTH (AP) — Much of Texas continued roasting Tuesday in record-breaking, triple-digit temperatures that sent utility companies scrambling to keep up with demand.
 Austin was sweltering in 112-degree heat, breaking the city's previous all-time high of 107. That record had been broken Monday when the temperature hit 110.
 Thermometers also soared past the 100-degree mark Tuesday and broke daily records in Del Rio, San Antonio, Houston and Lubbock.
 Several cities shattered all-time high records Monday: 112 degrees in College Station, 109 in San Antonio and Houston and 104 in Galveston.
 Other areas Monday reported record highs for September: 111 degrees in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and 107 in Del Rio.
 The hottest temperature ever in Texas was 120 degrees, recorded in Seymour in August 1936 and Monahans in June 1994.

- Rick Baxter, 51, hospital counselor
- James L. Brown, 68, life-long resident Pampa area

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Citizens speak against city tax plan

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Lower the tax rate. Use volunteers to fight fires. Get rid of

street/utility workers who "stand around and look down the hole." Cut the number of police officers. Reduce the city's vehicle fleet and don't allow

police or other city employees to take home automobiles.

These are some of the suggestions and complaints made during a public hearing Tuesday

night at City Hall on the City Commission's property tax increase plan. (See related story this page)

About 35 people were on hand with some of them both addressing commissioners and being questioned by commissioners regarding comments, complaints and suggestions.

The Pampa Economic Development Commission was the object of some criticism by citizens who complained, among other things, about the financial burden left on taxpayers when U.S. Bus left town.

Some wanted to know how the PEDC is financed (a half-cent city sales tax voted in by the people) and how it operates.

City Attorney Don Lane called a halt to that discussion saying the tax rate, not the PEDC, was the stated purpose for the public hearing.

Almost every person who spoke was asked by Commissioner Faustina Curry what specifically the individual

wants cut from the budget. A public copy of the proposed budget is available for reading at Lovett Memorial Library.

Some had answers for Curry but others said they didn't know but wanted "cuts" not a property tax increase.

In the last several years, 32 city employee positions have been cut including 11 positions during the current fiscal year which ends Sept. 30, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge. The employees are included in \$450,000 in cuts made during the current fiscal year.

Among those speaking and their comments were:

Bonnie Newby, 2307 Duncan.
 "I work in the medical field and from indications from our business, the look of the town and from the number of houses on the market you can see the town is going down rapidly ... I know it takes money to run the city [but] the people who are sticking by this town are bearing the

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(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Monica Roden addresses City Commission during public hearing Tuesday.

Revised city budget plan has tax hike

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

Though not set in stone, it appears the Pampa City Commission is prepared to raise the tax rate from 63.67 per 100 valuation to 64.5 cents, as well as go up on solid waste collection and water/sewer fees.

That's in the 2000-01 fiscal year budget that will be presented to them at City Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 12 following a 6 p.m. public hearing there on the proposal. The new fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

It's expected that commissioners then will pass the budget on first reading. It takes two readings before it can become law and the second vote is set for the Sept. 26 meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The proposed tax increase ordinance calls for a property tax increase to 67 cents but City Attorney Don Lane told commissioners they could amend the ordinance to a lower, but not higher figure.

In preparing the latest budget proposal, City Manager Bob Eskridge said he included an increase to 64.5 cents which should, at a 94 percent collection rate, bring in about \$55,000 dollars. During the work session Tuesday night, no commissioner asked for him to use a higher tax valuation number.

The \$55,000 will bring the city's general fund up to the current year's revenue. The increase was needed, in part, to replace a penny and a-half that earlier was diverted to help pay debt service, the city manager said.

If the 64.5 cents is instituted it means a person with a \$20,000 house who now pays \$127.35 in city taxes will pay \$129 a year, Eskridge said. City taxes on a \$35,000 house will go from \$222.85 to \$225.75 and taxes on a \$50,000 house will go from \$318.35 to \$322.50.

(See BUDGET, Page 2)

Grand jurors return six indictments here

Six people were true-billed by the Gray County grand jury this week.

Four men and two women were indicted by the grand jury Tuesday on charges ranging from tampering with government records to criminal nonsupport to aggravated assault.

Ronny Furgerson, 30, 317 East 9th, Lefors, was indicted on charges of aggravated assault in connection with an incident on July 19. Jeffrey Ethan Young, 26, 118 Albert; Donna Marie Conklin, 37, 831 S. Banks; Karen Burlene Jones, 31, 905 S. Schneider, and Larry Todd James, 34, Konawa, Okla., were indicted for tampering with government records.

Conklin and Jones were arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies Tuesday. Both have been released on bond. Mark Eugene Elliott, 38, no address given, was charged with criminal nonsupport.

United Way kick-off soon

The United Way campaign "Lead the Way!" kick-off luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Pampa Country Club, 2000 Campaign Chairperson Reed Echols has announced. Cost will be \$7.50 per person. Reservations are required.

Participants can make reservations by calling the UW office at 669-1001 by Friday, Sept. 8. If no one answers, leave your reservations on the answering machine. Help "Lead the Way!" toward a successful campaign.

What happened?



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa firefighters Charlie Douthit and Will Klusmeyer check a 1985 Mercedes for hot spots while Lt. Kenneth Hopson, far right, of the Pampa Police Department completes his report. Andrew Grabato, 17, the driver of the Mercedes, told police he was turning from Christine Street onto Duncan Street when he lost the steering. The car struck a bridge railing and burst into flames. Grabato was able to escape from the vehicle and was treated and released at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Police listed a defective steering mechanism as a contributing factor to the accident.

'Outlaw History' author coming for book signing

White Deer Land Museum will host a book-signing from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10 at the museum for Pat McConal, author of the book "Over The Wall" to be released the first week in September.

"Over The Wall" will be sold by Barnes and Noble book stores and will sell for \$21.95 at the store and at the museum.

The book mentions the 1927 Pampa robbery at First National Bank. McConal came to Pampa and did research on this story, then to Borger to learn about the gang members during this period of history. One highlight of the book is the raid on Eastham Prison by Bonnie and Clyde.

McConal is a freelance writer of "Outlaw History" and lives in Bryan, Texas.

"Over the Wall: The Men Behind the 1934 Death House Escape," a startling profile of some of the

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most desperate criminals of the Great Depression, examines members of both the Whitey Walker and Barrow gangs as well as the only successful escape from the Walls Death House in Huntsville, Texas.

McConal, a researcher of Texas penal system history, converts sworn testimony from court transcripts to a compelling narrative of the actions and dialogue of these men's criminal histories span-

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CITIZENS

brunt of it ... I don't know what the answer is.

Asked by Curry for a specific to cut, Newby said, she has seen construction projects where one person is working and "four or five will be standing there looking in the hole."

Curry said, "Maybe we should cut more people. We've cut 32."

Newby replied, "Maybe this sounds backward but [city employees] don't make enough money to work any harder. It irritates me to death that United Medicare said they decided to come here because they can pay employees less than they paid them in Dallas."

Joyce Seals, 1532 N. Wells. "We all feel like we are getting ripped off. People are moving out of town. There are 10 houses [for sale] on our street. I think [the city] has a lot of employees we don't need ... we don't have that many people living here."

Chris Romines, 1839 N. Christy. A "senior citizen on a fixed income," Romines wanted to know why the city needs more money when Pampa has "half the people it used to ... It seems like when times were better we still had grass growing in the streets."

Mayor Bob Neslage told Romines "when times are good it's politically expedient not to raise taxes ... so nothing got done. Streets that need repair and the water tank that needs replacing should have been done long ago."

Ainet Eldredge, 609 Hazel, gave the commission a petition with the names of about 80 people who do not want a tax increase.

"I think it's time for a tax cut, not a tax increase," she said. "If the city's low on money then cut salaries, cut this and cut that. The working person doesn't receive services and benefits like people on welfare do."

Curry asked Eldredge what she thinks should be taken out of the city budget.

"I'm not on the budget committee," Eldredge said. "I can't tell you what to cut."

Curry repeated her question this time asking Eldredge what service she specifically can do without.

"I can do without about half of the city police," Eldredge said.

Neslage broke in saying, "You'd like for the city to run like a business [but] we have a proprietary interest to make sure Pampa is a healthy and safe community. We're down to the meat

and bones [on this budget]."

"We can't bring the oil and gas business back," Curry said.

"You should cut the PEDC. It should be outlawed," Eldredge said. "It is an illegal deal. It reminds me of the Carpetbaggers."

"We can't control the PEDC," Curry said. "It was [organized] after a citywide election when the people voted it in."

Monica Roden, 2325 Comanche Road. "I feel like it's not the services so much that need to be cut ... the police cars ... all the officers take cars home ... we could save the mileage and share cars."

Neslage told Roden the take-home policy was instituted about a year and one-half ago in order to reduce maintenance costs through accountability and to increase the look of police presence on the streets.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews told Roden the numbers showed maintenance costs have been reduced under the program. "A lot of the cars may look new but they have high mileage ... 150,000 miles or so." He said also down is the cost of buying vehicles.

Curry said if officers are using the cars for personal use, they should not be.

It was a subject addressed later in the commission work session. The city manager said if any officers are using the cars for more than "incidental" personal use the officer will be "burned." He described incidental use as "picking up a loaf of bread on the way home."

Wayne Leathers, 1213 Darby. "In my neighborhood I see city vehicles. I see [employees] come and go with their spouses and groceries. I think about that. I think about my tax dollars. The biggest percentage of people I know get themselves to work."

Bud Crow, 2237 Williston, questioned the need for the PEDC and wondered aloud how many local people have been and will be hired by the dairy operations. "We're losing a lot of our population. There is nothing for a young person here. Pampa is becoming an old folks town."

Jannie Lewis, 518 N. Somerville. "I have lived in Pampa all my life," the real estate salesperson said. "We have been shell-shocked with The Pampa News stories lately," she said in reference to school, county and city tax increase plans.

While not wanting to cut the police department and in support of the take-home policy because she thinks it deters crime, Lewis

said too many city employees (26) have vehicles to drive.

Andrews told her the city has "drastically reduced" the number of its vehicles. He said the people who take them home are ones who can get called out at any time such as water and wastewater employees. He said typically new vehicles get light use then are "passed down" in order to get longer wear.

Lewis said the city should make sure it does not subsidize the city-owned golf course and she asked for a 10 percent cut from all department budgets.

Andrews told Lewis the department heads were asked for 10 percent cuts in February in preparation for the new budget.

"They probably need another 10 percent cut," Lewis said.

Don Larkin, 1017 E. Kingsmill. The retired Baptist minister spoke against employees being allowed to take vehicles home saying, "I never had people furnish me a car or insurance to get to work ... It gets under my skin when I see two supervisors shooting the bull and one guy working. There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians ... these salaries are eating us up."

Gail Barrett, who lives outside Pampa, said, "Lots of people are leaving and we're left to foot the bill. We don't tell our kids that we aren't getting a raise and then ask them what meal they want to go without. I wanted to move to town but then I looked at the tax rate. Do I want to saddle myself with debt for 20 years to live in a town that might not be here? People are moving and they are moving fast. [Pampans] shouldn't have to pay for people who are gone ... the city government should downsize."

Barrett also complained about what she said is the frequent "hassling" of teenagers by city police officers. "We didn't have cops breathing down our necks every five minutes [when we were kids]."

Carroll Clark, 2205 Lea. The former owner of Clark's Propane said, "Texaco, Conoco, Phillips ... they all left. This city is gradually



City Finance Director John Horst (from left) and Commissioners Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry review some budget numbers during a Tuesday night City Commission work session. The meeting ended about 9:30 p.m. and followed a 6 p.m. public hearing.

drying up. Some people talk against the PEDC but if they can get a business and that business won't run to Maryland with the money or go bankrupt I'm for it. Clark said from 1995 to 1998 he saw his propane sale volume drop from 350,000 gallons in a year to 150,000 — something he blames on the declining population.

Curry told the audience, "You can tell me you don't care what we cut." If the commission does cut deeper, she predicted citizens "will be here" to complain. "What do you want cut?" she

asked. Andrews said many of the positions that have been cut were management posts and said some departments, such as maintenance and warehouse, have been done away with. He said both City Treasurer John Horst's job and Public Works Director Richard Morris' job "used to be done by two people."

"We are at the point where we are looking ... do we go to a volunteer fire department? ... More

cuts will be hard cuts, cuts that people can see ... If you have a pothole in front of your house it might get fixed two and a-half months later.

Curry said maybe trash can be picked up less often to save money or parks not mowed frequently and other parks being allowed to "go natural." We are trying as far as the fire and police departments go to leave them alone ... they are cut to the bottom now."

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Living Together Is Not a Sin For Seniors Sharing Expenses

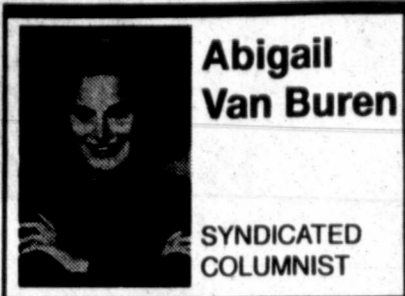
DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after reading the letter from the lady who signed herself, "Tired of All This Misbehaving."

I am 80, and I found her remarks offensive. When I was retired by my employer, I couldn't manage on my Social Security check. I tried to find another job, but no one wanted to hire me at my age.

A male acquaintance retired soon after, and realized that he, too, didn't have the funds to keep his apartment. I had a five-bedroom townhouse, and thought of renting out some rooms. However, a lawyer friend told me that if I advertised for roomers I would have to rent to anyone who had the money; I could not pick and choose. I was afraid to do that because I would continue to live there, too.

So I invited this man, who was a trusted neighbor, to share my home and expenses. This way we both could live in comfort, and it would cost us less money. We go shopping and attend church together. We also visit friends who are now in nursing homes. We have never slept together or had sex.

I know of other seniors who have similar arrangements so they can live decently and not go broke in the bargain. Recently, another senior male has joined us. We share expenses and household chores so it's easier on all of us. We get along like a family of sisters and brothers. Marrying just so outsiders won't criticize one's living arrangement is not always the right thing to do.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Please print this, Abby. I want people to know that it isn't always "living in sin" or "shacking up" as that lady thinks.

AN ABBY FAN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FAN: I'm pleased to print your letter. As I said to the woman whose letter prompted yours, "Seniors who live together choose to do so for a variety of reasons, which are usually well thought out." People should not judge others.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée is having financial problems. I want to help her, but she insists that I shouldn't because she'll be mad at me. I really want to help her. I don't like to see her struggle, and I have the money to do it — plus, we're being married soon, so what's the big deal? What should I do?

IN LOVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR IN LOVE: Don't force your help on your fiancée after she has refused it. This could be

an important learning experience for her, and it's a chance for you to see her level of ingenuity and perseverance. I respect her stance and for not taking the easy way out. For the time being, be patient and keep your checkbook closed.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose husband tries to scare his 2-year-old child by jumping out of closets, from behind trees, etc.

I have seen the child tremble, cry and turn pale. The man thinks it is a "fun time" with his child.

What do you think of his behavior? He will see your answer.

CONCERNED IN PHOENIX

DEAR CONCERNED: I hope you'll make sure he sees it. There is nothing "fun" about traumatizing a child. The father is sadistic, and he should consult with a psychotherapist to understand why he gets pleasure out of his child's pain, and to learn firsthand how damaging his "scare tactics" are.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Others look to you. You have an unusually strong presentation. Others respond positively. Someone close to you would part the waters to make your life easier. Be gentle and caring with this person. You don't always find sensitivity and loyalty like this. Another speaks, and you need to listen. Tonight: Stay in charge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Take an overview. Listen carefully to another. Seek out new information. Make calls. Surf the Net. Find experts. A co-worker cares a bit more than you realize. Be sensitive to him. Treat a loved one well, but express your caring in a positive way. Be more nurturing. Your nerves are fried. Tonight: Check out the movies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Be light and easy with an important partner or associate. Work with this person on a one-on-one level. Realize that your relationship has many dynamics. Your libido needs to be charged into your work. Your creativity finds unusual answers to office-related issues. Invite a child or loved one to a favorite spot. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Someone has the best intentions. You get his message loud and

clear. Allow more self-expression in the workplace. Brainstorming with associates builds openness and trust. Nurture those you work with as you would family. Consider a new household item.

Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Pace yourself. Be indulgent with others when they reach out to you. Do what is politically correct. Listen to another's ideas. Your attentiveness means more than you realize. Discussions are animated and enlightening. Focus on the job, even if another flirts with you. Schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your playfulness comes out, despite yourself. Recognize another's limits and be willing to encourage them. Finances flux. The fact that you could be a bit overindulgent presently affects your wallet. Study ways to enhance your income. Do not settle for the fastest answer; go for the most effective one. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Pressure builds, and you could feel overwhelmed. On the other hand, you would rather be too busy than not busy enough. You're coming from a place of caring with others, and they sense it. Discuss an impending change within the family or at home. Don't assume anything here. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Keep communicating. Ask for more of what you want in your day-to-day life. Even you sometimes hesitate. You might be protecting some vulnerable

feelings. Open up to another and discuss a fear. Your mind works overtime and could be making a problem bigger than it is. Relax over lunch. Tonight: Dinner out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Spend time thinking about a friend or loved one. You will want to stop and buy a card or token gift. Both you and this person appreciate the caring. Tally your bills before you go overboard. Know your budget and make choices that aren't extravagant. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You put in more than your share of hard work. Another rewards you for your hard work and diligence. You smile because you feel as if another has acknowledged you. Ask for that pay raise or promotion. Though you might not get your exact terms, you find the discussion productive. Tonight: Celebrate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Join co-workers or friends for an important meeting. Though business might be the purpose, the conversation deviates into fun and frolic. Try to indulge others with an overview. Listen to feedback from a loved one at a distance. Discussions need to surround options. Seek out experts. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Your responsibilities call. One-on-one relating helps you see how important a partner is. This person shares a unique point of view, but he also cares enormously about you. Let others see how much you care about financial solidity in respect to your work and personal life. You make a statement today. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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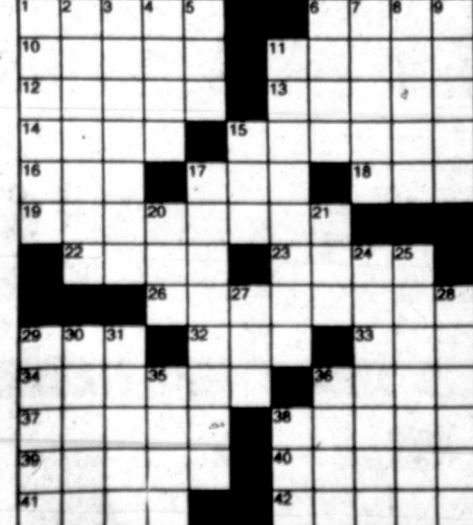
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Yesterday's answer

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22 Sad comment	30 Stage
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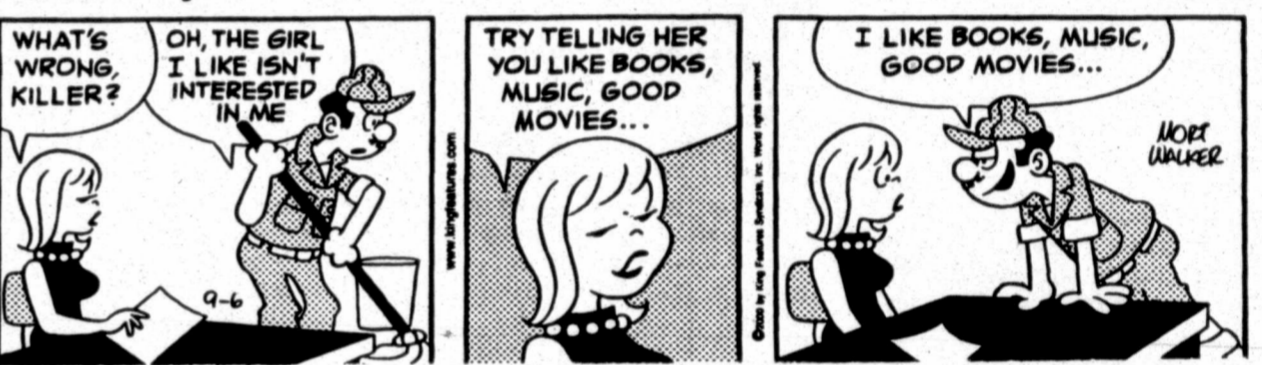
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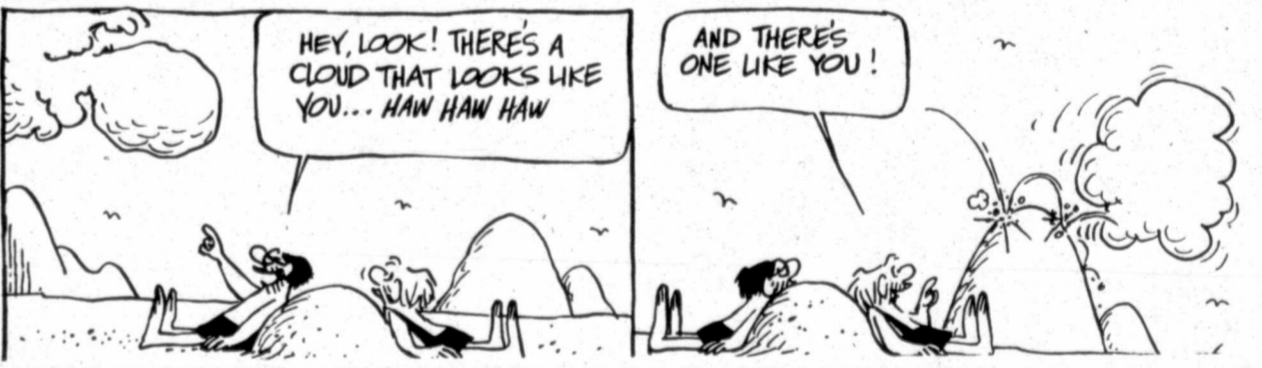
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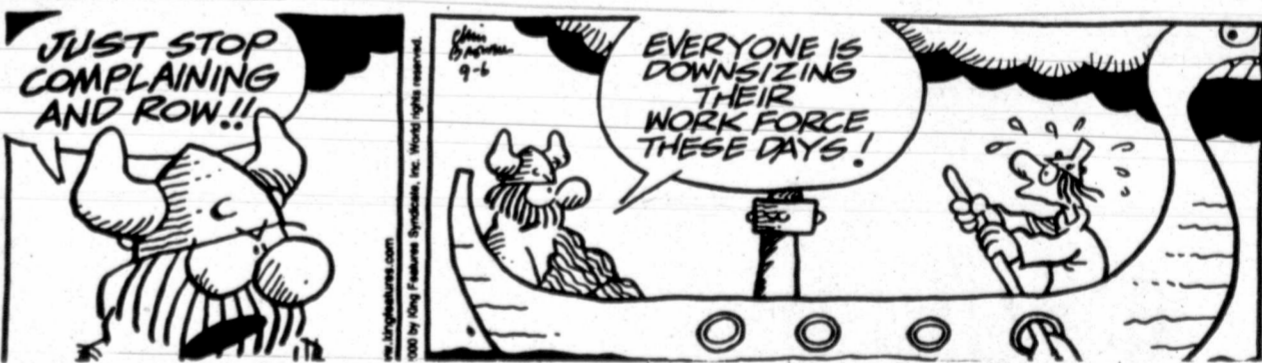
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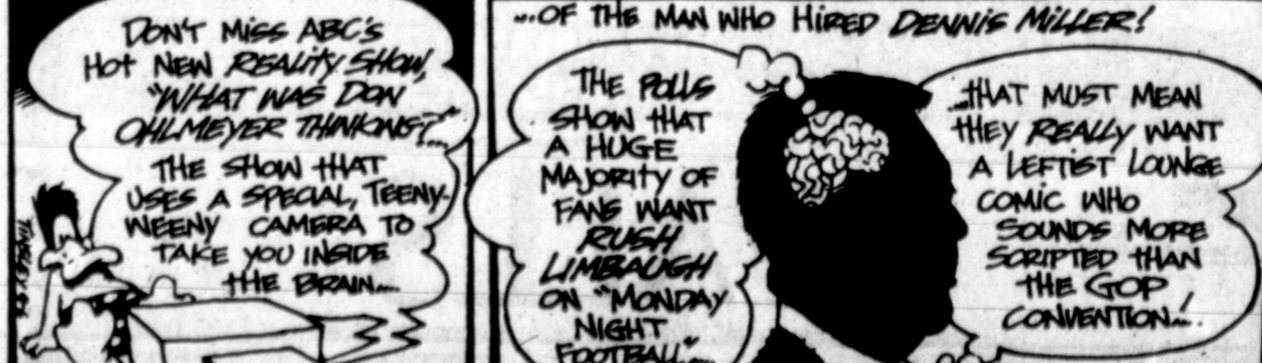
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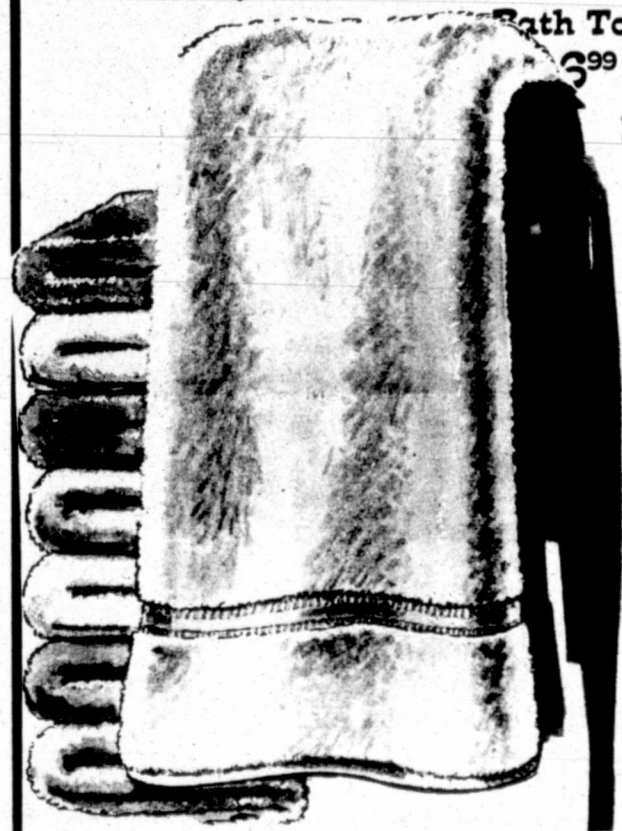
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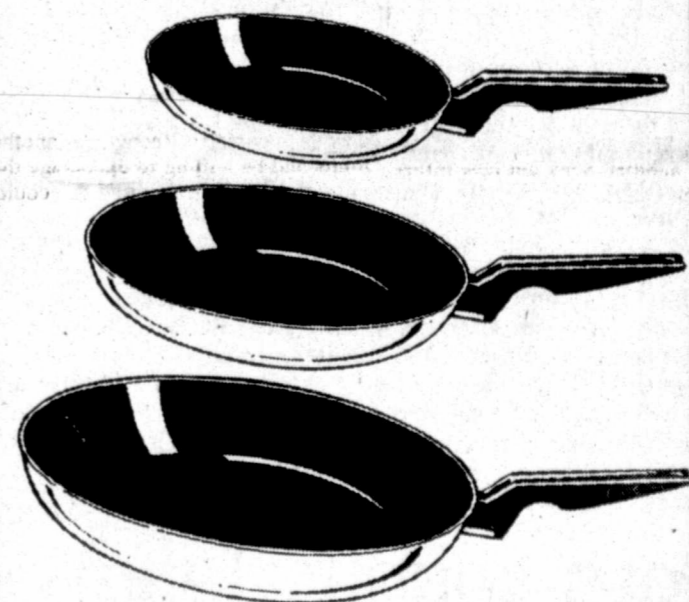


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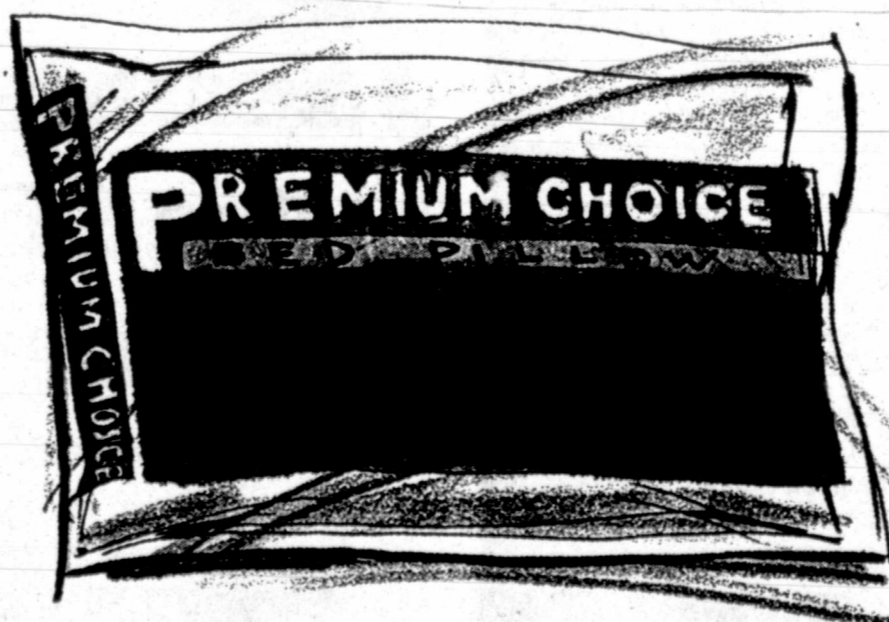
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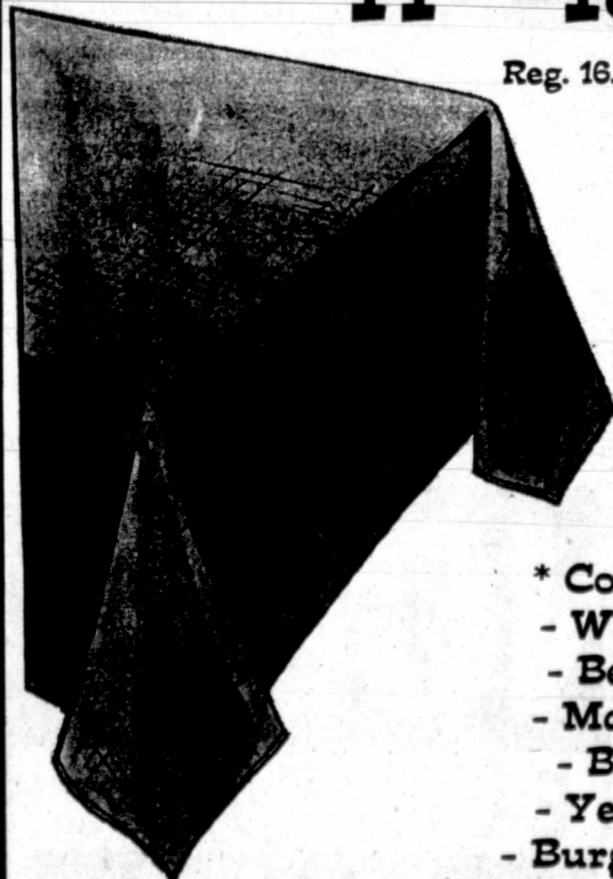
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Seniors on the Pampa High football team this season are (front row, from left) Johnny Cortez, Eric Chavez, Tristan Perry and Justin Leos; (second row, from left) Brendan Zedlitz, Tony Beck, Thomas Long, Josh Baker and Andy Schroeder; (third row, from left) Lane Baker, Jason Burklow, Ricky Blain and J.J. Roark; (fourth row, from left) Taylor Harris, Terrance Lemons, Jeff Warren and Daniel Abernathy. Not pictured is Armando Tarango Pampa hosts Lubbock Estacado at 7:30 Friday night.

Astros' rookie earns first win

HOUSTON (AP) — A little bit of experience made a big difference for Tony McKnight.

The Houston rookie got his first career victory in his second start as the Astros beat the Florida Marlins 9-5 Tuesday night before 27,408, the smallest crowd at Enron Field since it opened in April.

"I was more nervous this start than the first one," McKnight said. "I didn't think about the hitters, I just tried to make pitches. I knew I had a good defense behind me."

McKnight's first outing was Aug. 10, when he was called up from Triple-A New Orleans as a last-minute replacement for Chris Holt, unable to pitch after being hit in the face by a line drive.

McKnight (1-1) flew into Houston the day of that game and flew back to New Orleans the next morning. This time, McKnight, recalled from Triple-A on Friday,

will be with the Astros for the rest of the season.

"I had more time to think about it this time and I had a lot more adrenaline rushing through me before this game," McKnight said. "I had to go to my changeup more tonight and I think that threw their timing off. For the most part, they were getting themselves out."

The Astros were happy with whatever McKnight was throwing.

"I thought he had a good fastball and changeup," manager Larry Dierker said. "Usually after a while the other club will expect you to make some mistakes with the fastball, but he didn't make many tonight."

McKnight got a boost when the Astros jumped to a 3-0 first-inning lead and stretched it to 8-0 in the fourth.

"Anytime you see a kid come

up and get his first win, it's exciting," Houston's Jeff Bagwell said. "I was glad we were able to help him out with some early runs."

Golf

Final results in the championship and president's flights at the Top O' Texas Tournament in Pampa were omitted from Tuesday's edition. Those results are as follows:

Championship flight: 1. Phil Everson 281; 2. Casey Weiss 283; 3. Freddie Espicueria 283; 4. David Bolen 284; 5. Aaron Slotten 287; 6. Shaun Creighton 288; 7. Kyle Kolling 288; 8. (tie) Corey Henegar, Nic Ware and Bo Johnson 290.

President's Flight: 1. Frank McCullough (won playoff third extra hole) 220; 2. Mike Vinson 220; 3. (tie) Keith Teague and Brian Bim 221; 5. (tie) Steve Lusk and Bryan Don Carlos 225; 7. (tie) Roy Don Stephens and Jeremy Dockery 228; 9. (tie) Roger David, Dave Roark, Cliff Baker and John Champlin 227; 13. (tie) Monte Dalton and Larry Reising 228; 15. Bob Hitt 229; 16. (tie) Tom Rowe and Merle Terrell 239; 18. Chuck Ray, NC.

Aikman's vision shaken by hit

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When Troy Aikman got up from his fourth sack, everything looked blurry out of one eye. So he started looking for the contact lens he figured had been knocked loose.

Thing is, he hasn't worn contacts since having laser surgery more than a year ago.

Vision problems and slight memory loss were among the early symptoms Aikman felt Sunday after suffering the ninth concussion of his career. As of Tuesday night, the Dallas quarterback still had a headache and some dizziness.

Despite it all, Aikman told his agent, Leigh Steinberg, he's determined to continue playing football — maybe as soon as Sunday against Arizona.

"I talked to him an hour ago and he has not made a final decision," Steinberg said late Tuesday. "It's partly going to be a reaction to his symptoms."

"Troy's tough, but I'm hopeful

he'll sit out a week."

Steinberg said he and Aikman "really haven't" talked about retirement because this latest head injury is not as severe as either of the two he suffered last season. And, earlier this year, a comprehensive exam showed that none of his previous injuries caused permanent damage.

"In essence, they gave him a clean bill of health," Steinberg said.

Steinberg always encourages his clients not to take any risks after suffering head injuries. His pleading helped convince Steve Young to retire after symptoms lingered long after a concussion last season.

With Aikman, Steinberg's biggest fear is that he'll return too soon and be susceptible to another concussion. Young's last hit came a week after an undiagnosed concussion.

"Someone who has had one concussion has a greater chance

of a second in close proximity to the first," Steinberg said. "The safer route is to sit out a week."

Aikman is well aware of the risks. He's attended several seminars organized by Steinberg that featured leaders in the study of concussions and the quarterback and agent have met privately with experts.

"Troy has made a major effort to educate himself," Steinberg said. "Part of being cautious and careful was making those doctor visits this offseason."

Steinberg said there were no plans for Aikman to visit those doctors again to make sure things are still OK. That could change if his symptoms get worse or don't go away.

Aikman was hurt during a season-opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sunday. A heavy blitz led to four sacks and five incompletions, including an interception returned for a touchdown.

Pampa wins VB match

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters opened the District 3-4A volleyball season Tuesday night with a 16-14, 9-15, 15-8 win over Palo Duro in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The win gave the Lady Harvesters a 3-13 record for the season while Palo Duro falls to 6-8.

Destiny Engel led Pampa with 17 kills along with 4 blocks and 2 block assists.

Danielle Martinez had 9 kills and Morgan White 7. White also finished with 14 digs.

Charity Nachtigall collected 21 assists and Jennifer Lindsey added 17. Chasity Nachtigall and Lindsey had 10 digs each.

Pampa visits Hereford on Saturday for more district volleyball action.

Softball signups

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Softball Leagues this fall.

Entry deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. If you have any questions or would like more information on the fall leagues, contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

President's flight winner



(Pampa News photo)

Frank McCullough (right) of Pampa was the president's flight winner at this year's Top O' Texas Golf Tournament. PCC pro Mickey Piersall presents McCullough with the first-place trophy.

Cross country team off and running

BORGER — Going into last Saturday's opening cross country meet, Pampa coach Mark Elms knew the rugged Borger course when pose a tough learning situation for his distance runners.

What both Elms and the Lady Harvesters learned were encouraging.

"Five seniors graduated from last year's team that finished third in the state, so this is a young team. I am pleased with the results today (Saturday) under difficult conditions," Elms said. "With three places in the top 10 and a good effort from all team members, I was proud of these athletes. This is the hardest course we run all year and today was especially hard with the heat and wind. We had one runner (Vanessa Orr) go down with an ankle turn and that hurt our placing in this meet, but these young ladies are going to respond to the challenge."

Junior Rebecca Fatheree led the Lady Harvesters, taking first place

at the Borger meet. Sophomore T'Andra Holmes placed seventh and freshman Kori Dunn placed 10th in her first varsity meet.

For Fatheree, this will be a meet to remember as she garnered her first individual championship in cross-country.

Commenting on the race, Fatheree said it was a great learning experience for the team. "We run on gravel, asphalt and grass on this course and you fight the wind all the way up a very long hill. This will help us down the road," she added.

Junior Chad Platt and senior Jon Schlewitz represented Pampa High School as individual runners. Finishing with a tremendous kick to pass several runners, Platt placed 26th individually.

"I was proud of Chad's strong run," Elms said. "He finished one spot away from a medal and made a big improvement from a year ago. Senior Jon Schlewitz is running cross-country for the first

time and I'm proud of his effort," said coach Elms. "These two young men ran as individuals since we do not have five runners. It takes real grit to put in the miles to be a good runner."

Both Pampa girls and boys teams compete Saturday, Sept. 9 in Liberal, Kan.

Borger Meet Pampa individual results

Girls (2 miles): 1. Rebecca Fatheree 12:43; 7. T'Andra Holmes 13:28; 10. Kori Dunn 13:44; 30. Andrea Lee 14:47; 46. Whitney Watts 18:30; DNF: Vanessa Orr (injury).

Boys (3 miles): 26. Chad Platt 19:13; 34. Jon Schlewitz 20:48.

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Annual MDA Telethon sets \$54.6 million record

LOS ANGELES — A parade of talent turned out to help the 2000 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon raise a record \$54,610,289 in pledges and contributions to help people with neuromuscular diseases.

The telethon featured appearances by such celebrities as Marilu Henner, Tony Danza, Dennis Franz, Regis Philbin, Jack Lemmon, Third Eye

Blind and Faith Hill as well as performances from such musicals as "Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance," "Fosse" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

The telethon, held each Labor Day weekend to benefit the research and services programs of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, was broadcast for 21 1/2 hours. The multi-star event

originated live from CBS Television City in Hollywood.

Jerry Lewis, MDA's national chairman and star of the telethon, was gratified to have exceeded his goal of raising \$1 more than last year's pledge total of \$53.1 million.

"I'm overjoyed, because it means we can keep the research going at full speed and beat muscular dys-

trophy that much sooner," he said.

Many performers appeared live in Hollywood, while others participated courtesy of satellite feeds and taped segments from locations across the country. Special VH-1 segments showcased such performers as Diana Ross, Mariah Carey, Faith Hill, the Backstreet Boys, Sting and others.

Lewis was ably assisted throughout the marathon event by Telethon Anchor Ed McMahon and national co-hosts Jann Carl, Norm Crosby and Cynthia Garrett.

"These talented celebrities have my love and gratitude for helping make it a show to remember to help 'my kids,'" Lewis said.

The telethon is broadcast annually by some 200 television stations to 75 million viewers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. It was kicked-off by a special opening of the NASDAQ stock market by MDA board member Christopher

Rosa who also appeared on the telethon.

Along with the entertainment, the broadcast featured profiles of families fighting progressive muscle-wasting disorders as well as reports on the status of MDA-funded research into stem cells, gene therapy and other potential treatment avenues to combat these diseases.

The telethon was viewable in its entirety on the Internet at www.mdausa.org through streaming media provided by RealNetworks.

Thanks to GlobalMedia.com, it was the first Web-enhanced telethon, offering MDA-related content on demand and interactive features such as the ability to pose questions to the telethon team.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services and far-reach-

ing professional and public health education. The association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributions.

MDA annually funds some 400 scientific research teams worldwide. These investigators have made significant advances toward cures and treatments for several muscle-wasting diseases including nine forms of muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease), Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and others.

Lewis and MDA have been recognized by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

For information about MDA or referrals to any of the 230 clinics in MDA's nationwide network, call 1-800-572-1717 or visit www.mdausa.org on the Internet.

Choir car wash



(Community Camera photo by Jennifer Scoggin)

The Pampa High School Choral Department will hold its annual free car wash from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in the parking lot of National Bank of Commerce. Choir students are currently taking pledges and donations for their spring choir trip to New York City where PHS will perform a joint concert with Canyon and Randall High School choirs at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The choir department greatly appreciates the support of the City of Pampa and invites everyone to come get a free car wash. Above, left-right: Chris Crow, Maegan Dyer, Lindsay Langford and Heath Bentley.

Summer bowling program



(Community Camera photo)

Ralph West, right, owner of Harvester Lanes, congratulates Debbie Elliott, winner of a 27-inch TV given away as part of the summer league bowling program at Harvester Lanes.

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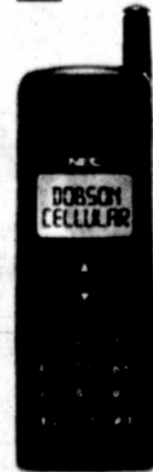


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